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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations and Notice of Public Hearing

The Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services, pursuant to Section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby gives notice of his intent to amend Sections 17a-227-23 to 17a-227-30, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Statement of Purpose: These Licensing of Community Companion Homes (CCH) regulations are being amended to: (1) clarify and update the initial licensing and operating standards for CCH licensees to better protect individuals placed in community companion homes; (2) standardize the CCH application and licensing procedure; (3) add safeguards for consumers with abuse and neglect registry checks and arrest and conviction record checks of all occupants of the home; and (4) reflect current best practices and changes in practice dictated by expanded choice in service options for individuals. These CCH regulations also require that licensees are certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and have had training in Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms and care.

Copies of the proposed, amended regulations are available on the DDS website www.ct.gov/dds. Also, they may be obtained from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 ATTN: Rod O'Connor; by calling Rod O'Connor at (860) 418-6130; or by e-mailing rod.oconnor@ct.gov.

Public hearings concerning the proposed, amended CCH regulations and the proposed, amended DDS Community Living Arrangement (CLA) regulations will be held on Monday, October 27, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Room 1A of the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106. Persons wishing to submit written testimony on both the proposed, amended CCH and CLA regulations should submit separate testimony for each set of regulations.

Persons wishing to sign-up for the 10:00 a.m. public hearing may do so beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1A of the Legislative Office Building. Persons wishing to sign-up for the 4:00 p.m. public hearing may do so beginning at 3:30 p.m. in Room 1A of the Legislative Office Building. Persons testifying at the public hearings will be called in order of sign-up and will have three minutes in which to testify. Please be aware that there are new security procedures in place that include metal detector screening at the entrance to the Legislative Office Building.

Persons wishing to present their views and comments regarding the proposed, amended regulations are invited to do so in writing by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2014. Written comments regarding the proposed, amended regulations may be sent to the Department of Developmental Services, 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 ATTN: Rod O'Connor, Legislative and Regulations Analyst; may be e-mailed to rod.oconnor@ct.gov or may be submitted at either of the public hearings. Written, oral, or e-mailed comments

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received by the November 14, 2014 deadline will be considered by DDS and may result in modifications to the proposed, amended Licensing of Community Companion Homes regulations.

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